

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 14-25 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended herein. Favorable reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Applicant has amended the title of the invention as suggested by the Examiner.

I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the noted allowability of claims 1-8 and 14-25. These claims will be in condition for allowance upon being amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as discussed below.

II. REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-8 AND 14-25 UNDER 35 USC §112, 2nd ¶

Claims 1-8 and 14-25 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection for at least the following reasons.

The Examiner objects to the phrase "cartridge-type" as being indefinite. The Examiner indicates that the phrase "cartridge-type" has been broadly construed to read on any similarly shaped water unit known in the art.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to delete the phrase "cartridge-type" and thus render the rejection moot. Applicant notes that claim 1 already refers to the water treatment unit as being detachable and having an elongate case. Accordingly, the phrase "cartridge-type" may be viewed as somewhat redundant and has simply been canceled from the claim. Applicant respectfully submits that such amendment does not adversely affect the allowability of claim 1.

III. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, all claims 1-8 and 14-25 are believed to be allowable and the application is believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt action to such end is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone interview would be helpful to facilitate favorable prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Should a petition for an extension of time be necessary for the timely reply to the outstanding Office Action (or if such a petition has been made and an additional extension is necessary), petition is hereby made and the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees (including additional claim fees) to Deposit Account No. 18-0988.

Respectfully submitted,

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